

THE MAN OF STYLE

How Some Swell Men of New York Appear in Public.

CARNEGIE'S STYLISH CUTAWAY

Le Grand Cannon's Perfect Fit—How Foxhall Keene Amazed the English—Herman Oelrichs' Outfit.

What any great event in Madison Square Garden that you can always catch a glimpse of the best-dressed men in New York, and so again it will be the case at the coming spring flower show as it was at the horse show some time ago and at the kennel exhibition which closed recently in a very flood of glory.

I was asking Mr. Fred Bronson, who, in his mind, was the most tastefully-dressed man in New York, and he unhesitatingly gave the palm to Harry Le Grand Cannon. Nor has the latter's recent marriage changed him in the least in this respect. He is the same careful, circumspetuous dresser he always was. In the morning he appeared, as a rule, his attire eclipsed by the usual blue spring top-coat. As the exhibition of fine-dressed dogs elicited more and more of his attention, the coat was soon out of sight, and he revealed himself in a spotless cutaway of Scotch-mixed suiting and a pair of trousers of a most inconspicuous design. There is one striking peculiarity about Mr. Cannon's attire, and in this respect he is by no means alone. His ties are made after his own design, and are in two pieces, tying neatly in front in some unique bow and clasped by hooks behind. Mr. Cannon calls the idea a time-saving arrange-



COL. WM. JAY. FRED BUCKLEY.

ment, as he can unclasp the tie from behind and thus keep the neatly-arranged bow intact.

Writing of stylish attire reminds me of a letter I recently saw, in which a description was given of Foxhall Keene's rather unusual appearance in a friendly some time before his accident in Ireland. He wore a light dun overcoat, single-breasted, of rough cloth, with velvet collar and cuffs, and absolutely carelessly down the front. He wore a navy blue puff tie, with no center showing, and a brooch pin of pearls. Fashionable people said the outfit was so odd that it certainly must be that of an American. And they were about right.

I have it on the best authority that Ward McAllister, Louis Oulstain and two others as fashionable have given orders, among others, for plain black suits for spring with rough black cloth overcoats. For evening dress they are wearing narrow black bows and black gloves. It is the morning style now in fashion in England.

If you were at the dog show you probably caught a glimpse of handsome Oughton Webb, with large boutonniere of white pinks, blue four-in-hand with pearl pin adjusted in exact style just upon the lower edge of the cross fold, his cutaway of dark gray suiting and an ensemble exceedingly discreet and without the least inclination to be flashy.

I saw Robert Cutting on Fifth avenue the other day with the very latest in the way of an overcoat. It was of dull-finished, heavy beaver, made roomy with a suggestion of "hang," with an ample velvet collar and extending over the knee in length.

Another fine dresser is Barclay Warburton, and I took a rather hurried mental photograph of him as I caught sight of his splendidly-appointed trap in the park. He was in just the proper driving attire. A dark sack suit with double-breasted waistcoat, a white background four-in-hand tied in a pretty round knot, with a pin adjusted at the proper edge of the crossfold; tan-colored, loose driving gloves, mouse gray gloves and a Garden's boutonniere.

Herman Oelrichs is another swell dresser, and his driving outfit rivals that of Mr. Warburton. A long-tailed double-breasted frock, in the lapel of which was a big bunch of white pinks, high hat with narrow cloth band, dark gray striped cassimere trousers, white drops de Joinville scarf and tan gloves completed his attire. Mr. Oelrichs wears the latest style of bell-shaped hat, and wears one that has a little less curve and a narrower brim.

Nor is Evander Derry Wall entirely out of the fashionable swim. He is still an exceedingly correct dresser, but will insist on adorning himself with a boutonniere of red carnations, flowers that haven't been in style for a year.

Robert Bishop, now in Europe, is another tasty dresser. Like a great many other men of fashion he has a fad which the changes of fashion have never known to encroach upon. I refer to his penchant for canes. He has never been known to be in style on this point, and yet he is never without a walking stick. As a rule he wears one that has as many knuts as there are years in his life, or else it is crooked into anything but fashionable shape.

George W. Vanderbilt has a fine disposition and loves to display it in a splendid sitting riding habit. The legging is of tan leather, cut perfectly straight and well up in the front so as not to cross over the boot. With this he wears knickerbocker breeches of tan cloth with a leather band buttoning under the knee. The legging buttons over this band showing only two buttons, where four are really designed. Mr. Vanderbilt thinks there is nothing to compare with it for country riding. It was made in London, and orders for leather outfits have already been sent for by Nicholas Knorr, Fred H. Allen, Edward Webb and Lippard Stewart. I had a very pleasant chat with Mr. Andrew Carnegie the other day, concerning dress. He shows the dress suit and the long frock, and would rather be interviewed any day, he says, than wear them. "Knowing that I always

appear in public in a cutaway," he remarked, "one of the New York papers had me delivering my recent lecture on the subject in a very fine-looking cutaway coat. Well, the fact of the matter is, I wore the same old cutaway, and when I saw myself pictured in the most fashionable office the next morning, it made me feel uneasy all day. Whenever you want to sketch me, have me appear in the cutaway. That may not be in style, but it's my style."

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